

Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC)

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Purpose

The purpose of the Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) program is to serve children/youth who require intensive treatment and behavioral supports as well as children/youth with specialized health care needs in a home-based family care setting to avoid a STRTP/LGH or to step down from a STRTP/LGH.

Eligibility

An eligible child for ISFC is a child or nonminor dependent in foster care who requires a higher level of care of supervision as determined by the level of care.

ISFC-FFA

FFA ISFC programs will:

- Identify how they will recruit and train ISFC resource parents.
- Accept children/youth for placement that require the intensive services and supports as described in the program statement.
- Provide placement matching between eligible children/youth with ISFC resource families.
- Provide the necessary core services and supports that are identified in the individual needs and services plan.
- Provide core services and supports either directly by the FFA, CWS or through secured agreements with other agencies.
- Have the necessary professional and paraprofessional support staff.
- Have social work staff with a master's degree to provide case coordination for eligible children/youth.
- Ensure all training requirements are met.
- Develop the child/youth's needs and services plan in coordination with the child/youth's SW, ISFC resource parent and CFT.

FFAs may employ client support staff as need and appropriate.

NOTE: Level of Care (LOC) Foster Care Rate Determination for more information.

Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)

Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) service model allows for short-term, intensive, highly coordinated, trauma-informed and individualized activities to children who are under the age of 21. The child/youth must have complex emotional and behavioral needs and who are placed with TFC parents. TFC is intended for children and youth who require intensive and frequent mental health support in a family environment.

The child/youth must be Medi-Cal eligible and meet medical necessity criteria.

**Alignment with
SET**

This policy aligns with SET [Value 1](#) which supports that relationships with children, youth and families are the foundation.
